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The communication filed on May 27, 2003 is *non-responsive* to the prior Office action because Applicants have failed to clearly identify those claims that read upon the elected species. Applicant has asserted "*The claims readable or the elected species are claims -111 151 16 and 17.*" Claims *111* and *151* do not appear to be presently pending claims. It is unclear whether Applicant intended to add these claims to the case. Additionally, while not a ground for being held "*non-responsive*," it is noted that claim *16* is an improper multiple dependent claim, depending on another multiple dependent claim. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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